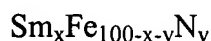


LISTING OF CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Please amend claim 1, cancel claim 19-21, and add new claims 26-31 as follows.

1. (Currently amended) A flaky, isotropic SmFeN powdery magnet material prepared by roll-quenching a molten alloy and nitriding the alloy powder thus obtained to form a magnet alloy; the magnet alloy consisting of an alloy composition of the formula, by atomic %:



wherein $7.1 \leq x \leq 12$ and $0.5 \leq v \leq 20$; a TbCu₇ crystal structure; and flakes with a thickness of 10-40μm,

wherein up to 30 at.% of Sm is substituted with a member selected from the group consisting of Ce and a rare earth metal other than Ce, ~~and~~

wherein up to 35 at.% of Fe is substituted with Co, and

wherein the magnet alloy has an intrinsic coercive force (iHc) of 7 kOe or higher.

2-6. (Canceled)

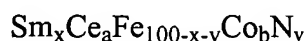
7. (Previously presented) A powdery magnet material according to claim 1, wherein the average crystal grain size of the material is 10 nm to 0.5 μm.

8-13. (Canceled)

14. (Previously presented) A bonded magnet made by processing the magnet powder according to claim 1 with a binder to the shape of a magnet.

15-25. (Canceled)

26. (New) A flaky, isotropic SmFeN powdery magnet material prepared by roll-quenching a molten alloy and nitriding the alloy powder thus obtained to form a magnet alloy; the magnet alloy consisting of an alloy composition of the formula, by atomic %:



wherein $7.1 \leq x \leq 12$ and $0.5 \leq v \leq 20$, a TbCu₇ crystal structure, and flakes with a thickness of 10-40μm,

wherein a and b are not both 0, and

a = 0 or 0.3 at.% up to 30 at.% of Sm, and

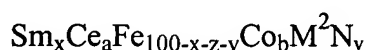
b = 0 or 2.0 at.% up to 35 at.% of Fe, and

wherein the magnet alloy has an intrinsic coercive force (iH_c) of 7 kOe or higher.

27. (New) A powdery magnet material according to claim 26, wherein the average crystal grain size of the material is 10 nm to 0.5 μm.

28. (New) A bonded magnet made by processing the magnet powder according to claim 26 with a binder to the shape of a magnet.

29. (New) A flaky, isotropic SmFeN powdery magnet material prepared by roll-quenching a molten alloy and nitriding the alloy powder thus obtained to form a magnet alloy; the magnet alloy consisting of an alloy composition of the formula, by atomic %:



wherein $7.1 \leq x \leq 12$, $0.5 \leq v \leq 20$ and $0.1 \leq z \leq 1.0$, a TbCu₇ crystal structure, and flakes with a thickness of 10-40μm,

wherein a and b are not both 0, and

a = 0 or 0.3 at.% up to 30 at.% of Sm, and

b = 0 or 2.0 at.% up to 35 at.% of Fe; and

wherein M² is selected from the group consisting of Si, Nb, Ti, Ga, Al, Ta and C, and

wherein the magnet alloy has an intrinsic coercive force (iHc) of 7 kOe or higher.

30. (New) A powdery magnet material according to claim 29, wherein the average crystal grain size of the material is 10 nm to 0.5 μm.

31. (New) A bonded magnet made by processing the magnet powder according to claim 29 with a binder to the shape of a magnet.